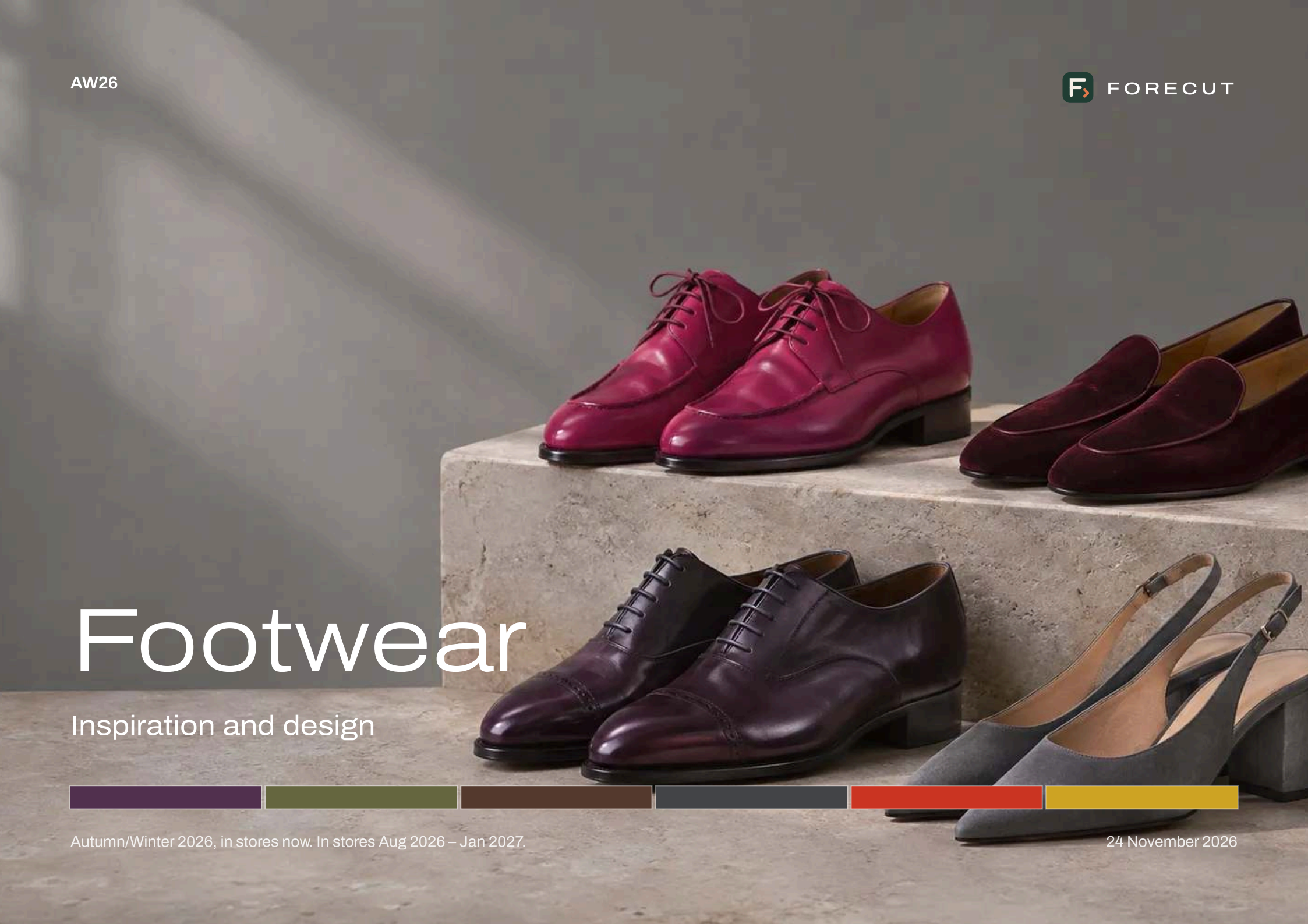
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Footwear

Inspiration and design

Autumn/Winter 2026, in stores now. In stores Aug 2026 – Jan 2027.

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About this report

Heels, flats, boots, men's shoes and sneakers.

Rich, maximal and tactile. Big outerwear, sharp tailoring and heavy embellishment, with 1920s glamour running through evening and footwear.

How to read the stages

Emerging new, test in small quantities

Rising growing, build into the range

Peaking at its height, sell through

Fading moving out, reduce or rework



Inspiration

Preppy sport

School and playing-field references: rugby shirts, cricket cables, varsity jackets and oversized statement collars and cuffs.

Why now

Heritage sportswear feels familiar and gift-friendly, and collars and cuffs update basics at low cost.

Seen at

Polo Ralph Lauren: Sporty prep and timeless knitwear; Willy Chavarria: Sports prep on the runway; Statement collars and cuffs: Named a top menswear runway trend

Key pieces

Rugby stripes, Cable knits, Big collars; rugby stripes, short plackets.

19-6050 TCX, #264D3A and 11-0103 TCX, #EFE9DC

Source: Trendalytics, top menswear runway trends FW26; Who What Wear, AW26 trends



Inspiration

Big outerwear

Oversized, protective outerwear: shearling, big fur collars, leather bombers and sculptural cocoon coats.

Why now

Outerwear is a high-value hero category, and leather bombers are growing fast.

Seen at

Acne Studios: Fur accents on outerwear; Leather bombers (market): Up 28% year on year; Harrods menswear edit: Leather jacket as the hero piece

Key pieces

Shearling, Fur trims, Leather; fur and shearling collars.

18-0933 TCX, #7A5A3E and 11-0110 TCX, #EFE1CC

Source: Trendalytics, top menswear runway trends FW26; Harrods, AW26 menswear trends; Who What Wear



Inspiration

Fully loaded

Embellishment moves from evening onto everyday pieces: sequinned jeans, beaded knits, feathers and sheer layers over heavier fabrics.

Why now

Social media rewards texture and shine, and embellishment makes basics feel special.

Key pieces

Sequins, Beadwork, Sheer layers; sequin and chainmail minis.

19-2045 TCX, #A3245F and 13-2806 TCX, #F3C6DA

Source: Who What Wear, AW26 trends (the source describes the trend without naming brands)



Inspiration

Roaring Twenties

1920s flapper glamour returns. Drop waists, swinging fringe, beading and long pearls lead evening, and the same codes cross into daywear through T-bar heels, velvet and pleated skirts.

Why now

Party-season demand meets nostalgia for glamour. Drop waists are easier to wear than bodycon, which helps them sell beyond evening.

Seen at

Chanel: Fringed silks and beaded sequins; Fendi: Drop-waist dresses and 1920s evening codes; Rabanne: Chainmail and sequin minis

Key pieces

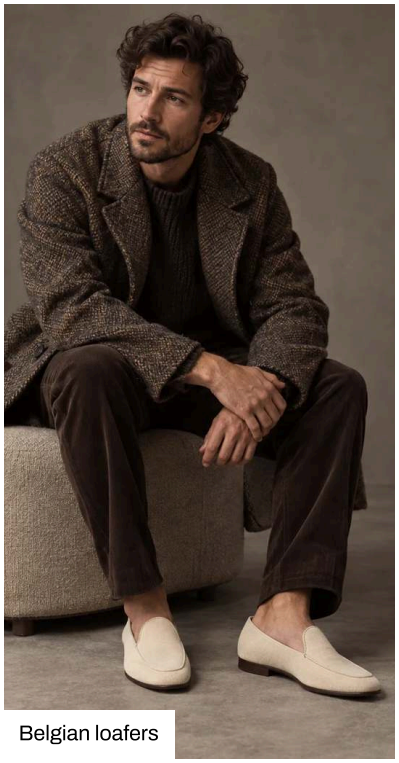
Drop waist, Fringe, T-bar heels; drop waist with pleated skirt.

19-1724 TCX, #5E1F24 and 15-0751 TCX, #C9A227

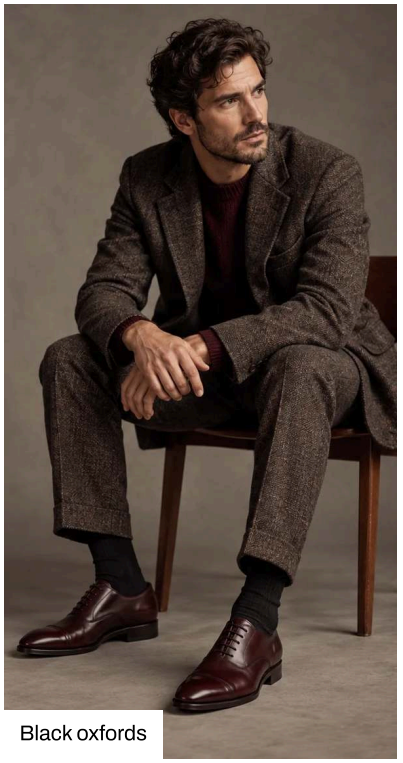
Source: Who What Wear, Autumn/Winter 2026 trends

Moodboard





Belgian loafers



Black oxfords



Block-heel slingbacks







Colour

The AW26 palette, with Pantone TCX and HEX codes.



Plum
19-3218 TCX
#51304E



Moss
18-0220 TCX
#65663F



Chocolate
19-1218 TCX
#54392D



Charcoal
19-0201 TCX
#434447



Tomato red
18-1564 TCX
#CA3422



Mustard
15-0751 TCX
#CDA323

Colour by theme



Preppy sport: 19-6050 TCX with 11-0103 TCX, for rugby stripes, short plackets.



Big outerwear: 18-0933 TCX with 11-0110 TCX, for fur and shearling collars.



Fully loaded: 19-2045 TCX with 13-2806 TCX, for sequin and chainmail minis.

Key pieces



Apron-toe derbies

Footwear, Men's Shoes, toe

Derbies with stitched apron toes.

Rising



Belgian loafers

Footwear, Men's Shoes, style

Soft, slipper-like loafers.

Rising



Black oxfords

Footwear, Men's Shoes, style

Classic black lace-ups.

Rising



Block-heel slingbacks

Footwear, Heels & Flats, strap

Slingbacks on mid block heels.

Rising



Brogue perforations

Footwear, Men's Shoes, perforation

Broguing returns.

Rising



Buckled ankle boots

Footwear, Boots, hardware

Ankle boots with a buckled strap.

Rising



Cap-toe kitten slingbacks

Footwear, Heels & Flats, toe

Contrast cap toes on kitten slingbacks.

Rising



Chelsea ankle boots

Footwear, Boots, shaft

Elastic-sided ankle boots.

Rising

Key pieces



Cupsole derbies

Footwear, Men's Shoes, sole

Derbies on sneaker cupsoles.

Rising



Derby boots

Footwear, Men's Shoes, style

Lace-up boots on slim soles.

Rising



Embellished flats

Footwear, Heels & Flats, embellishment

Beaded and studded flats.

Rising



Flat suede knee boots

Footwear, Boots, material

Flat knee boots in suede.

Rising



Flatform sneakers

Footwear, Sneakers & Casual, sole

Sneakers on raised flat soles.

Rising



Gum-sole trainers

Footwear, Sneakers & Casual, sole

Classic gum rubber soles.

Rising



Hiker styles

Footwear, Boots, sole

Hiking boots worn with tailoring.

Rising



Hiking boots with tailoring

Footwear, Men's Shoes, sole

Rugged soles under suits.

Rising

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